Assembly Bill No. 2262

CHAPTER 17

An act to amend Sections 48981 and 48982 of the Education Code, relating to school districts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2262, Bradford. School districts: governing boards: notification: parent rights and responsibilities.

Existing law requires the governing board of a school district, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of each school year, to notify parents or guardians of minor pupils of specified rights and responsibilities of the parent or guardian and of specified school district policies and procedures. Existing law provides that the notice may be sent by regular mail or by any other method normally used to communicate with parents or guardians in writing. Existing law requires the notice to be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the school. Existing law requires that, if 15% or more of the pupils enrolled in a public school speak a single primary language other than English, all notices, reports, statements, or records sent to the parent or guardian of such pupil be written in English and that primary language, as specified.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to provide this notification to a parent or guardian who requests to receive the notice in electronic format by providing access to the notice electronically, and would require the notice provided in electronic format to conform to the primary language requirements described above. The bill would also require the parent or guardian, if the notice is provided in electronic format, to submit to the school a signed acknowledgment of receipt of the notice.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 48981 of the Education Code is amended to read: 48981. The notice shall be provided at the time of registration for the first semester or quarter of the regular school term. The notice may be provided using any of the following methods:

- (a) By regular mail.
- (b) If a parent or guardian requests to receive the notice in electronic format, by providing access to the notice electronically. Notice provided in electronic format shall conform to the requirements of Section 48985.

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- (c) By any other method normally used to communicate with the parents or guardians in writing.
 - SEC. 2. Section 48982 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 48982. (a) The notice shall be signed by the parent or guardian and returned to the school. Signature of the notice is an acknowledgment by the parent or guardian that he or she has been informed of his or her rights but does not indicate that consent to participate in any particular program has either been given or withheld.
- (b) If the notice is provided in electronic format pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 48981, the parent or guardian shall submit to the school a signed acknowledgment of receipt of the notice.